

HOUSE RESOLUTION 104
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A RESOLUTION to commend Iyana Mason for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Iyana Mason is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Representative Russell Johnson; Iyana's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at Fisk University, where she is highly regarded by her peers, Iyana has achieved academic success while majoring in History and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, a few of her extracurricular activities include serving as a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Chicago Fisk Club, Race Relations Institute Student Organization, Sociology Club, and the Association for the study of African American Life and Studies; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable individual has given of her time and energy to serve as a volunteer with Jubilee Weekend President's Inauguration Luncheon in 2002, the Fisk University Commencement Exercises, Metro General Hospital, ON Track Program Boys and Girls Club, and she helped with the National Bone Marrow Program Booth at Tennessee State University African Street Festival in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Iyana has showcased her exceptional leadership capabilities as Vice-President of her Sophomore Class, Senator of the Race Relations Institute Student Organization, and as Committee Chairman, Ivy Leaf Reporter, and President of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, she has been honored on the Dean's List for three years due to her superb 3.6 grade point average and was selected as a 2003 National Visionary Leadership Program Visionary Heritage Fellow, a 2003 Visionary Heritage Fellow Honorable Mention, and as a Panelist for the Race Relations Institute Collegiate Forum; and

WHEREAS, even with her many academic and extracurricular commitments, Iyana has managed to lend her expertise as an Administrative Assistant for Chicagoland Limo Association and as a Summer Worker/Intern with the Illinois Department of Employment Training; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Iyana Mason brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2005 session of the One Hundred Fourth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2005 legislative session, Iyana Mason has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Iyana Mason has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Iyana Mason for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representative Russell Johnson and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.